

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims presented in the application.

1. (previously presented): An interlabial pad for absorbing body fluid having an elongated shape, comprising:
 - a surface sheet disposed on a face of the interlabial pad so as to face a wearer's body;
 - a back sheet disposed on an opposite face of the interlabial pad so as to face a wearer's garment;
 - an absorbent body enveloped between the surface sheet and the back sheet;
 - a mini-sheet extending from one lateral side to another lateral side of the interlabial pad and also having a length in a longitudinal direction of the back sheet;
 - a cavity for finger insertion formed in between the back sheet and the mini-sheet; and
 - a cavity opening for guiding a fingertip inserted therein to the remainder of the cavity, having a fingerbreadth of a wearer, wherein the mini-sheet is provided so that it covers a finger application point that is in contact with a wearer's vagina; and wherein the mini-sheet is bonded at a peripheral edge to one end of the back sheet of the interlabial pad so as to form a pocket shaped finger insertion space.
2. (canceled).
3. (canceled).

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wherein the mini-sheet and the interlabial pad are bonded at positions offset from and inside of the peripheral edge of the interlabial pad.

7. (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim [[1]] 5, wherein the mini-sheet has a length dimension at least 10 % longer than that of the interlabial pad in the longitudinal direction of the interlabial pad.
8. (canceled).
9. (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim [[1]] 5, wherein a total circumferential length of the cavity opening is between 30 mm to 120 mm.
10. (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim [[1]] 5, wherein the back sheet of the interlabial pad is provided with microscopic protrusions and depressions.
11. (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim [[1]] 5, wherein an adhesive is applied to a ~~the interlabial pad is adhered so that~~ part of the surface sheet ~~[[is]] of the interlabial pad to be~~ in contact with a genital area of the wearer's body.
12. (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim [[1]] 5, comprising an upheaval area on the surface sheet, the upheaval area protruding toward the wearer's body along the longitudinal direction of the surface sheet.
13. (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim [[1]] 5, wherein the back sheet is made of moisture permeable material.
14. (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim [[1]] 5, wherein the pad is ~~composed of~~ formed with at least one of biodegradable material, ~~and/or~~ water-soluble material ~~and/or~~ and water dispersible material.

15. (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 5, wherein said interlabial pad is an interlabial pad for incontinence.
16. (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 5, wherein said interlabial pad is an interlabial pad for absorbing vaginal discharge.
17. (previously presented): An interlabial pad manufacturing method for manufacturing the interlabial pad of claim 5, comprising:
 - setting longer a pair of wings ordinarily disposed at both side portions of a sanitary napkin; and
 - bonding said wings to form said mini-sheet.